REMARKS

Claim 7 has been amended to call for the additive (Z) to be selected from the group consisting of silica (SiO_2), a silicate, and calcium carbonate ($CaCO_3$).

The rejection of claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kranser is respectfully traversed. It appears that the Examiner's rejection is based on a lack of recitation of "the specific composition of the additive" (line 5 of the Examiner's "Response to Arguments") and an allegation, which applicants strongly deny, that applicants have somehow admitted that Kranser's composition is at least analogous to that claimed by applicant (page 3, lines 2 – 5 of the Office Action). Applicant deny that allegation. Rather, they stated just the opposite, that pressure-sensitive adhesives or high-tack adhesives have a well established meaning that has nothing to do with increased friction. In any event, the matter is moot in light of the above amendment calling for the additive (Z) to be selected from the group consisting of silica (SiO_2), a silicate, and calcium carbonate ($CaCO_3$).

No issues remaining, applicants respectfully solicit a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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